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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASPECTS:

MRS. CEAUSESCU

REF: BUCHAREST 3928

1. AT ROMANIAN INITIATIVE EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH ION MANZATU, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NCST) AND GHEORGHE MATACHE, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NCST, TO DISCUSS SCIENCE RELATED CONTENT OF CEAUSESCU'S VISIT, AND MRS. CEAUSESCU'S SPECIAL INTERESTS IN THIS FIELD.

2. GOR OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED MRS. CEAUSESCU'S OFFICIAL ROLE IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AND REQUESTED THAT WE CONSIDER A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR HER WHICH WOULD COINCIDE WITH HER OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS, A SUBJECT WHICH WE ADDRESSED PREVIOUSLY IN REFTEL. BESIDES BEING A VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NCST (A SUPERVISORY AND GUIDANCE ORGANIZATION WITH BROAD AUTHORITY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FIELD), ELENA CEAUSESCU IS ALSO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL RESEARCH ONE OF TEN MAJOR CENTRAL INSTITUTES REPORTING TO NCST. WITHIN CENTRAL INSTITUTE THE LEAD AGENCY IS ICECHIM (CHEMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE) OF WHICH MRS. CEAUSESCU IS DIRECTOR. SHE IS BY
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PROFESSION DOCTOR OF CHEMICAL ENERGY. WITHIN PARTY SHE IS

MEMBER OF CC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3. BESIDES HER SPECIAL INTEREST IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, SHE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF CHEMISTRY IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES, ENERGY RESEARCH AND CURRENT PROBLEMS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

4. REGARDING VISIT, GOR OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IN MRS. CEAUSESCU'S SEPARATE SCHEDULE, VISITS TO CHEMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES, UNIVERSITY CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENTS, RESEARCH AND TESTING SECTIONS AND/OR ACTUAL PROCESSING LINES AT US PRIVATE FIRMS. NCST OFFICIALS ENVISAGE MRS. CEAUSESCU'S SEPARATE PROGRAM TAKING PLACE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S SCHEDULED VISITS, HOWEVER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE WOULD, ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL, ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON MANY OF HIS CALLS.

5. ALSO AS PART OF MRS. CEAUSESCU'S PROGRAM, MANZATU MADE QUOTE PERSONAL SUGGESTION UNQUOTE THAT US SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION MAY WANT TO CONSIDER CONFERRING HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, OFFICER STATUS OR HONORARY DEGREE ON MRS. CEAUSESCU. (SHE IS ALREADY MEMBER OF NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.) AMONG INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED BY NCST OFFICIALS IN THIS CONTEXT WERE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS), NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING (NAE), NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF), UNIVERSITIES OR OTHER CHEMICAL INSTITUTES. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TIME FOR OUR MEETING WAS LIMITED, NCST OFFICIALS SPENT MORE TIME AND GAVE MORE EMPHASIS TO THIS ASPECT THAN ANY OTHER, OFTEN REFERRING BACK TO MRS. CEAUSESCU'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND, GOVERNMENT AND PARTY POSITION, AND HER INFLUENCE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

6. IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT, NCST REQUESTED THAT WE SUPPLY PUBLISHED BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON POLICY AND ORGANIZATION OF US SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, INCLUDING BACKGROUND ON ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF NAS, NAE AND NSF, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITY OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND AEC IN REGARD TO ENERGY PROBLEMS, AND BACKGROUND ON ORGANIZATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. WE WILL GIVE NCST WHAT FEW PUBLICATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE HAVE ON HAND AT EMBASSY, BUT REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO SEND FULL SET OF PUBLISHED BACKGROUND MATERIAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. IN RELATED MATTER NCST OFFICIALS STATED THAT MIRCEA MALITA, ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ROMANIAN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION, AND PARTY CC MEMBER, WOULD PROBABLY BE MEMBER OF THE VISITING DELEGATION AND, IF SO, WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. CEAUSESCU ON HER SEPARATE PROGRAM.

8. MATTER ALSO CAME UP WITH MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
FLORESCU DURING OPENING OF US PETROCHEMICAL EXHIBITION "USATECH
73" THIS MORNING. FLORESCU MADE POINT OF MENTIONING MRS.
CEAUSESCU'S ROLE IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN HIS OPENING REMARKS
AND CHARGE LATER NOTED TO FLORESCU AFTER EXHIBIT WALK-THROUGH
THAT WE ALREADY HAD SOME INFORMAL NCYU SUGGESTIONS ABOUT MRS.
CEAUSESCU'S PROGRAM BUT WONDERED IF HE, TOO, MIGHT WISH TO
SPEAK TO HER ON HER INTERESTS.
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